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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby  
notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached  
Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability  
of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the  
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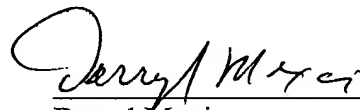
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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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